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Wei, Ying-Fei

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For: Transforming Growth Factor Alpha HIII

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 27, 2003 (Paper No. 18), and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants hereby request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith (a) a Version With Markings to Show Changes Made; (b) a Substitute Sequence Listing on paper and diskette; (c) Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.825; and (d) a Fee Transmittal Sheet.

AMENDMENT

In the Sequence Listing:

Please replace the Sequence Listing hard copy and Computer Readable Form (CRF) provided November 8, 2002, with the Substitute Sequence Listing hard copy and CRF submitted herewith.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 19.

Please amend the indicated claims to read as follows:

40. (Amended Twice) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) the full amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2;